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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
ALAIN DION, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: 10/049,643 :
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FOR: TOOL FOR PRODUCING CAMSHAFTS
BY EXPANDING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-17 without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 18-34 as follows:

18. (New) A device for holding in orientation, around a reference axis, a flat cam with an ovoid peripheral contour perforated by an orifice through which a tubular shaft can be passed, an axis of the tubular shaft coinciding with the reference axis, in view of fixation of the cam on the shaft by expanding the shaft, comprising:

a body provided with a transverse passage for the shaft and with an introduction conduit for introduction of the cam, the introduction conduit opening at a first end into the transverse passage and at a second end at a periphery of the body;